representatives from both Government and non-Government sectors, representing the interests of medical community as well as the animal welfare sector. The group's report has been finalised unanimously which is to form the basis for streamlining the existing Rules and Regulation regarding using animals in scientific experiments.

(b) The Ministry has not yet formulated any proposal for amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

(c) Question does not arise.

Pollution causing industries in Rajasthan and Punjab

233. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pollution causing industries in Rajasthan and Punjab; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government against pollution causing units in these two States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) In the State of Rajasthan, a total of 108 industries falling under 17 categories of highly polluting industries have been identified. Out of these, eight units are closed and 96 have provided requisite pollution control facilities to comply with the standards. The remaining four units are yet to comply with the norms. In the State of Punjab, 72 units have been identified under this category, out of which nine units are closed, 60 units have provided requisite pollution control facilities and three are yet to comply with the pollution norms.

(b) The steps taken against pollution causing industries include:

(i) Regular environmental monitoring for compliance of prescribed norms.

(ii) Issuance of notices/directions to the defaulting units by the State Pollution Control Boards for installing pollution control devices.

(iii) Submission of time bound Action Plans as per the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection by 17 categories of polluting industries.